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**Community Foundation for Northern Virginia to Honor Ellen and Jim Dyke at the  
2018 Raise the Region Gala – a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
*700 guests will support critical needs in Northern Virginia*

September 13, 2018 (Oakton, VA) – On Friday, October 5, 2018 the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will hold the 2018 Raise the Region Gala at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner from 6:30 – 10:00 pm. The event will be co-hosted by Todd Stottlemeyer and Bobbie and Bill Kilberg. Honorary chairs include Former Vice President Walter Mondale, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, Former Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder, U.S. Senator Mark Warner, Former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Virginia House Speaker Kirk Cox, D.C. Council Chair Phil Mendelson, Fairfax Board Chair Sharon Bulova, Loudoun Board Chair Phyllis Randall and The Honorable Karl A. Racine.

Seven hundred business leaders, philanthropists, and community organizers participate in the Raise the Region Gala every year to celebrate the charitable work of the Community Foundation and to raise funds to support the critical needs of the Northern Virginia community. This year's event will celebrate and honor the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Community Foundation.

Ellen and Jim Dyke will be recognized by the Community Foundation at the Gala for their history of passionate community leadership and public service with the 2018 Community Leadership Award. This award is the longest standing community based recognition award in Northern Virginia. The award is presented annually for outstanding commitment and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians.

“We could not be more pleased to honor Ellen and Jim Dyke with the 2018 Community Leadership Award,” said Eileen Ellsworth, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. “Through public service and active participation with many organizations across our region, Ellen and

Jim give of their time, resources and energy to make this community a better place to live, work and play,” stated Ellsworth.

The Gala event will feature a cocktail reception and silent auction followed by dinner, live auction and award presentation. Dress is black tie attire.

Support for the Community Foundation’s Raise the Region Gala is provided by Challenge Sponsor John and Virginia Chapel; Raffle Sponsor Washington Gas; Vanguard Sponsors including Dewberry, and Inova Health System; and Visionary Sponsors including an Anonymous Donor in honor of the Military Personnel & Their Families Fund, and the John and Nina Toups Charitable Fund.

Raise the Region Gala sponsorships start at \$750 and include tickets and recognition at the event and in Community Foundation publications throughout the year. Individual tickets are \$300. More information, along with a sneak preview of the auction, is available at [www.cfnova.org/gala](http://www.cfnova.org/gala) or please contact Tara Nadel, Vice President of Communications and Events at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, at [tara.nadel@cfnova.org](mailto:tara.nadel@cfnova.org) or (703) 879-7637.

### **About The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia**

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia grows philanthropy to respond to critical need and seed innovation in the region. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation connects donors to community, and helps meet community needs with community resources.

In 2018 the Community Foundation awarded more than \$7.1 million in grants and scholarships and reported \$56 million in managed philanthropic assets.

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